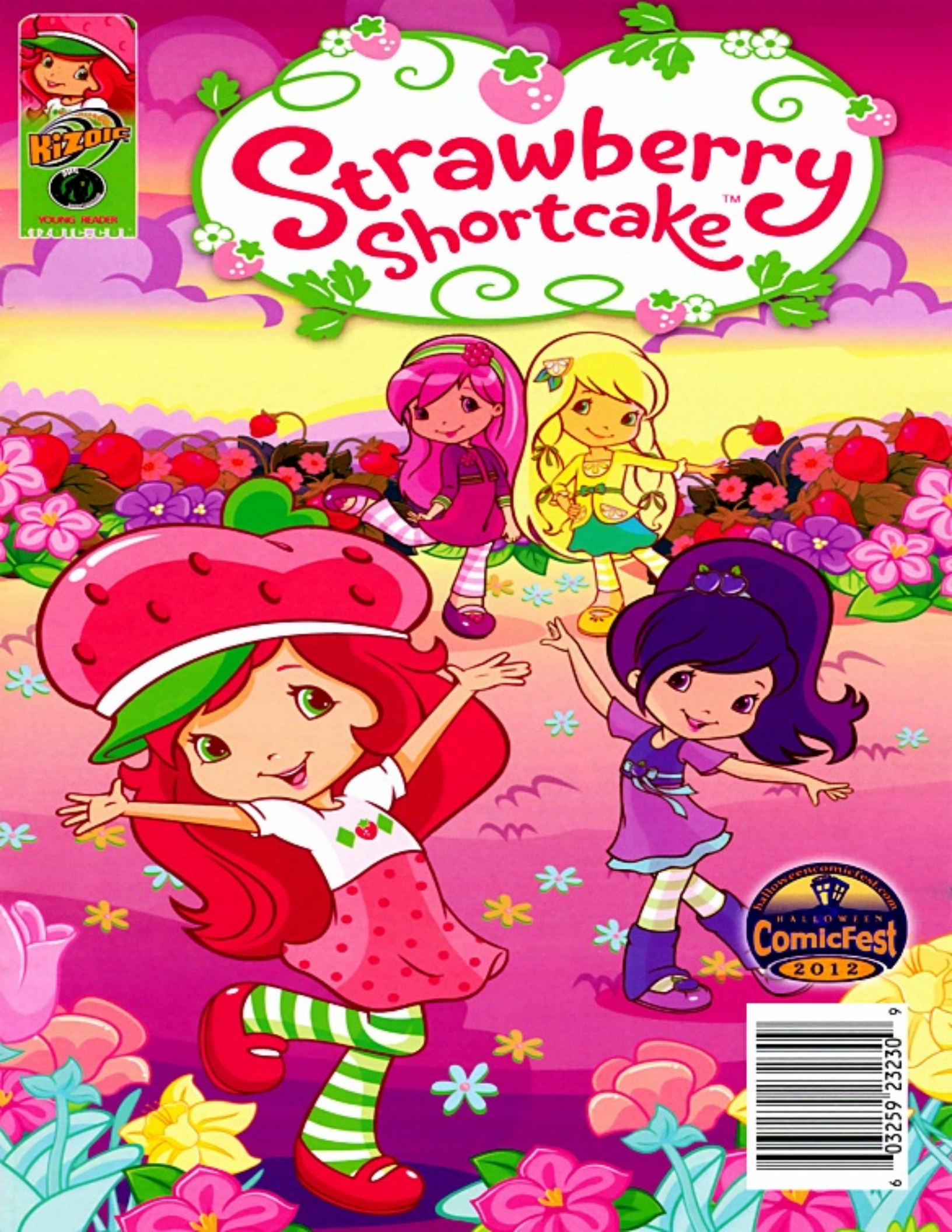
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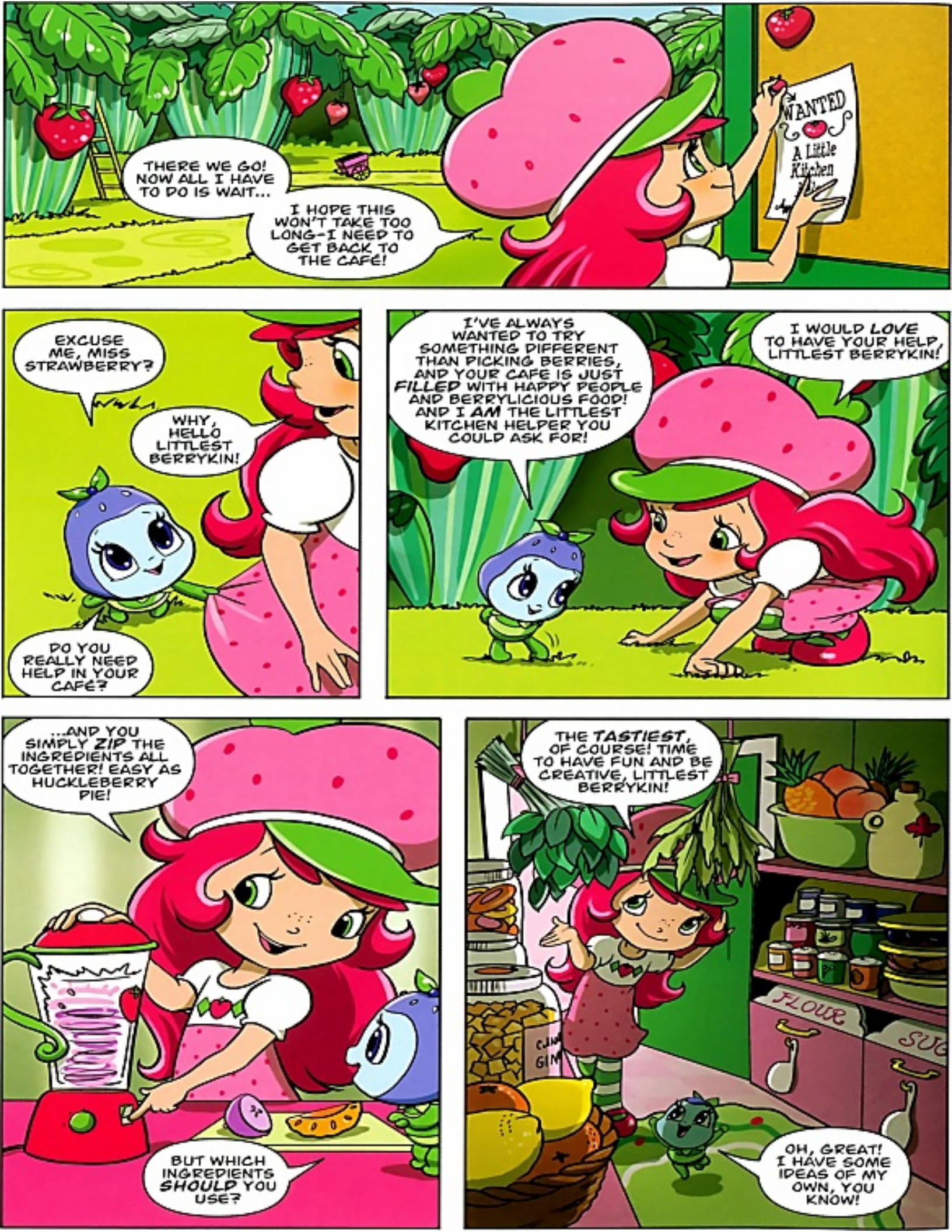

THERE WE GO! NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT...
I HOPE THIS WON'T TAKE TOO LONG-I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE CAFÉ!
WANTED
A Little Kitchen
EXCUSE ME, MISS STRAWBERRY?
WHY, HELLO LITTLEST BERRYKIN!
DO YOU REALLY NEED HELP IN YOUR CAFÉ?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN PICKING BERRIES, AND YOUR CAFE IS JUST FILLED WITH HAPPY PEOPLE AND BERRYLICIOUS FOOD! AND I AM THE LITTLEST KITCHEN HELPER YOU COULD ASK FOR!
I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP, LITTLEST BERRYKIN!
...AND YOU SIMPLY ZIP THE INGREDIENTS ALL TOGETHER! EASY AS HUCKLEBERRY PIE!
BUT WHICH INGREDIENTS SHOULD YOU USE?
THE TASTIEST, OF COURSE! TIME TO HAVE FUN AND BE CREATIVE, LITTLEST BERRYKIN!
FLOUR
OH, GREAT! I HAVE SOME IDEAS OF MY OWN, YOU KNOW!

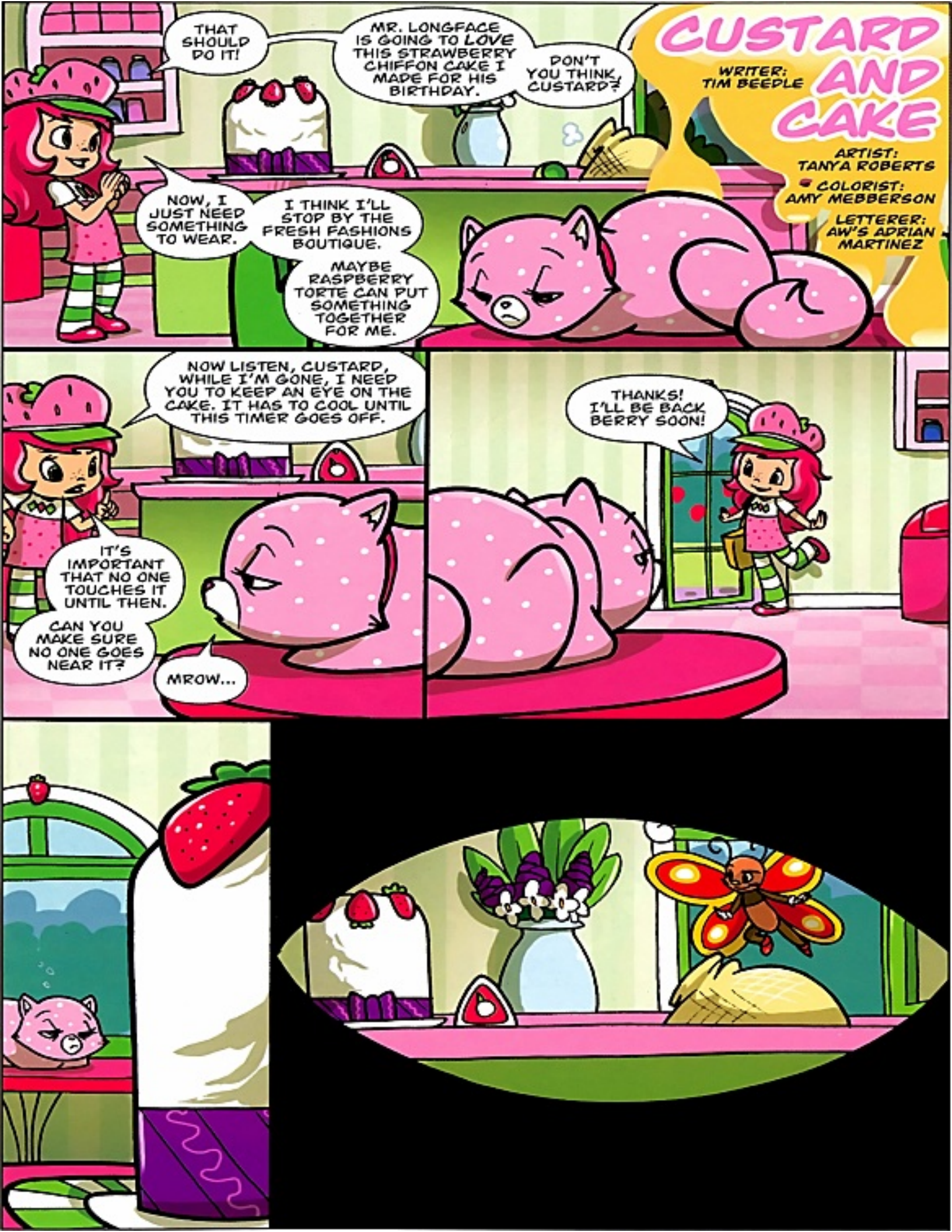
LITTLEST BERRYKIN IS TRYING HER BEST...
AND SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY!

I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE FOR HER TO DO UNTIL WE GET THIS SORTED OUT! I CAN'T TELL HER NOT TO HELP!

...BUT SHE ISN'T REALLY HELPING.

LITTLEST BERRYKIN, I APPRECIATE HOW EXCITED AND CREATIVE YOU'VE BEEN, BUT DO YOU MIND PICKING UP ALL THE DIRTY DISHES IN THE CAFÉ? IT'S GETTING PRETTY CROWDED AND IT WOULD REALLY HELP!
OF COURSE, MISS SHORTCAKE! I CAN TIDY UP BETTER THAN YOU HAVE EVER SEEN! I HAVE SOME IDEAS OF MY OWN, YOU KNOW!

THANK YOU BERRY BERRY MUCH!
HOW YA DOING? CUTE SHOES!
LOOK AT THE LITTLEST BERRYKIN GO! WHAT A GREAT HELPER!
MAYBE NOW YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO DECIDE ON WHO YOU WANT TO GIVE YOU SWEETEST TREAT TO?
OH, I THINK I ALREADY KNOW!
WELL, GOSH, MISS STRAWBERRY THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME HELP TODAY. I KNOW I MADE A BIG MESS, BUT IT WAS THE BEST DAY EVER! I LEARNED SO MUCH!
NO, THANK YOU!
I LEARNED THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON-YOU CAN ALWAYS USE THE HELP OF A GOOD FRIEND!
THE SWEETEST FRIEND?
SWEETEST, INDEED!
The End


CUSTARD AND CAKE
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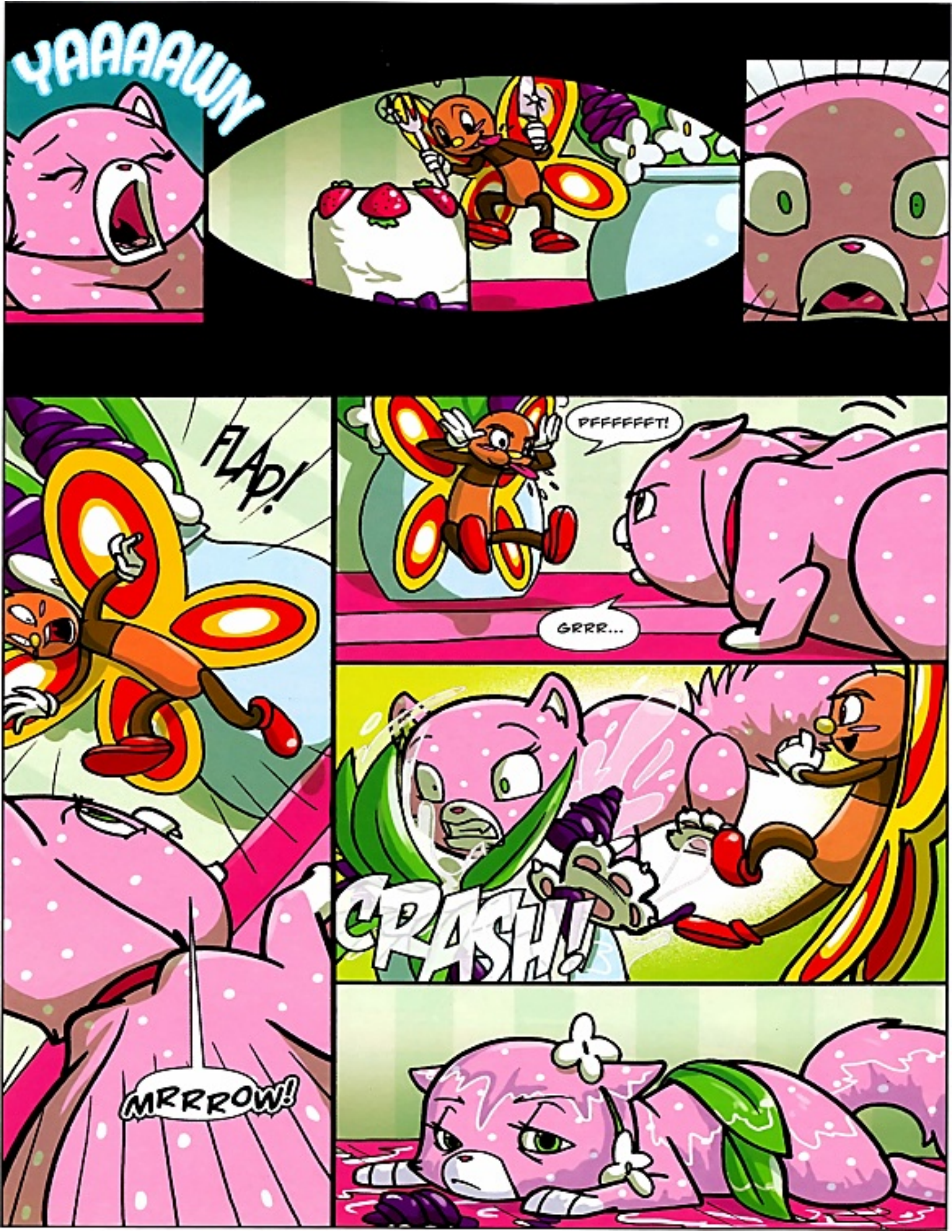
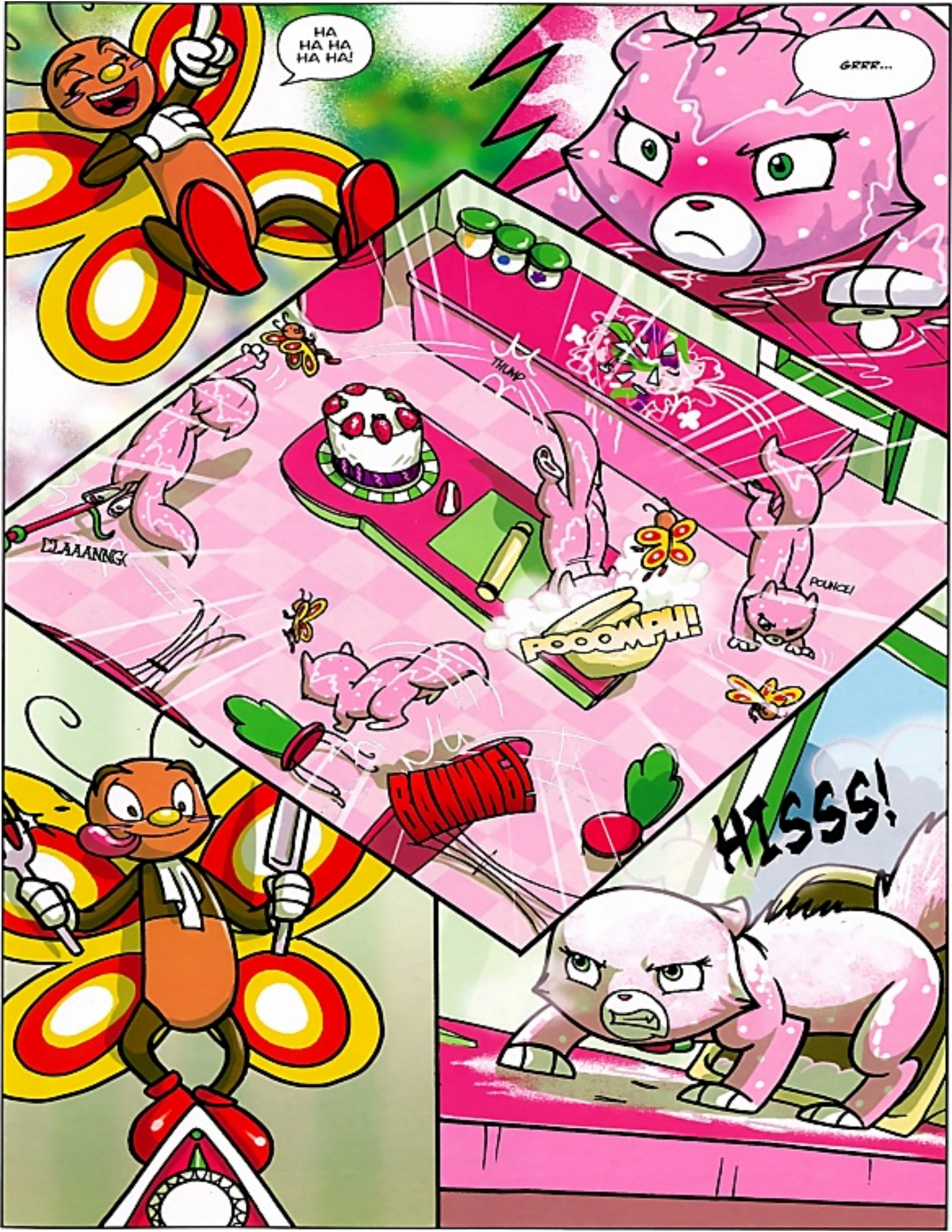
THAT SHOULD DO IT!
MR. LONGFACE IS GOING TO LOVE THIS STRAWBERRY CHIFFON CAKE I MADE FOR HIS BIRTHDAY.
DON'T YOU THINK, CUSTARD?
NOW, I JUST NEED SOMETHING TO WEAR.
I THINK I'LL STOP BY THE FRESH FASHIONS BOUTIQUE.
MAYBE RASPBERRY TORTE CAN PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR ME.
NOW LISTEN, CUSTARD, WHILE I'M GONE, I NEED YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE CAKE. IT HAS TO COOL UNTIL THIS TIMER GOES OFF.
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT NO ONE TOUCHES IT UNTIL THEN.
CAN YOU MAKE SURE NO ONE GOES NEAR IT?
MROW...
THANKS! I'LL BE BACK BERRY SOON!


YAAAAWN
PFFFFFFT!
GRRR...
FLAP!
CRASH!
MRROW!


HA HA HA HA HA!
GRRR...
THUMP
KLAAANNG
POOOM!!!
POUNCE!
BANNG!
HISSS!

WOOSH!
RRRRRING!!!
GASP!
SPLAT!
CUSTARD, I'M H-
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED HERE? CUSTARD, I TOLD YOU TO GUARD THAT CAKE, NOT TAKE A SWIM IN IT!
HA HA! IT'S OKAY, YOU LITTLE SOURPUSS!
I JUST FOUND OUT THAT RASPBERRY IS BRINGING A RASPBERRY CHIFFON CAKE TO THE PARTY, SO I'LL NEED TO MAKE SOMETHING DIFFERENT ANYHOW.
AND YOU CAN HELP ME MAKE IT!
AFTER ALL... WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING AROUND THE HOUSE, IT SEEMS YOU'RE A MUCH BETTER BAKER THAN GUARD!
The End

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THANK YOU, GARY, AND YOUR LITTLE NOISEMAKER. OKAY, MIKE, STEP UP HERE AND TELL US ABOUT YOUR PET.
COME ON, MACINTOSH.
BAR-RAR-RRAR-RAR-
THIS IS MY PET, BRUCE LEE.
HE'S A BETA FISH
THEY'RE CALLED FIGHTING FISH BECAUSE THEY FIGHT EACH OTHER.
THAT'S WHY I'VE ONLY GOT ONE.
THAT'S IT?
HE'S GREEN? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? IT'S A FISH!
OH, I WEEP FOR OUR FUTURE.
OKAY, ERNIE, PLEASE COME ENLIGHTEN US AS TO WHAT YOU HAVE THERE.
IT'S NOT LIKE HE CAN DO TRICKS..
THIS IS LLOYD. HE'S A BLUE-TONGUED SKINK. HE'S THE ONLY ANIMAL AT THE PET STORE THAT I'M NOT ALLERGIC TO.

IT'S NOT MUCH OF A PET. I REALLY WANTED A KITTY CAT, BUT THEY GIVE ME HIVES. EVEN THE HAIRLESS CAT WE READ ABOUT ONLINE.
OKAY, PLEASE, NORRIS, GET UP HERE AND LIGHTEN THE MOOD BEFORE EVERYONE STARTS CRYING.
THIS IS MY PAL, TRIGGER! HE'S A PYTHON, AND HE'S MY BEST FRIEND IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD.
I SEE. AND YOUR PARENTS BOUGHT THAT MAN-KILLER FOR YOU ON PURPOSE?
OF COURSE. HE'S USUALLY A LOT MORE ACTIVE. HE ONLY GETS LIKE THIS WHEN HE'S FED...
WHOOPS.
MY RAT! MY PET RAT OPPENHEIMER IS MISSING!

YOUR SNAKE ATE MY RAT!
YOU CAN'T PROVE THAT!
BELCH.
OKAY, EVERYONE CALM DOWN AND TAKE A DEEP BREATH.
MURDERER!
LIAR!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT! WHAT YOU CALL A PET, TRIGGER CALLS FOOD!
AUGH!
SETTLE DOWN, YOU GUYS, YOU'RE UPSETTING MACINTOSH.
RAR-RAR
HONESTLY, GARY, HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?
GUYS, HELP! IN THE CONFUSION, I LOST LLOYD! MOM'S GONNA KILL ME!
AND THAT'S WHY I HATE THIS MERIT BADGE. CLASS DISMISSED.
MACINTOSH, NO!
LLOYD?
RAT KILLER!
HELP!

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